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CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Details of chicken hatchings and poultry slaughterings in South Australia from July 1965 to May 1967 have been compiled from returns submitted by all known commercial hatchers and slaughterers. Although the figures may not cover some very small producers, it is considered that the statistics give a high level of coverage of hatchings and slaughterings of meat strain chickens and of hatchings of egg strain chicks in commercial hatcheries which sell day-old chicks.

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

TABLE 1 - POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (a)

Period	Chickens (i.e. Broilers, Fryers, or Roasters)	Hens and Stags	Ducks and Drakes	Turkeys	Total
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)					
1965-66	2,716	197	52	20	2,985
1966 - Sept. Qr.	853	45	9	10	918
Dec. Qr.	879	48	14	5	946
1967 - Mar. Qr.	933	39	17	4	993
January	324	11	4	1	340
February	266	13	6	-	286
March	342	14	7	3	366
April	273	21	8	1	303
May	353	20	7	3	382
LIVE WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb.)					
1965-66	8,553	970	304	257	10,084
1966 - Sept. Qr.	2,738	229	50	158	3,177
Dec. Qr.	2,892	248	75	68	3,283
1967 - Mar. Qr.	3,025	191	97	60	3,373
January	1,046	57	20	20	1,142
February	826	64	36	3	930
March	1,152	71	42	36	1,301
April	899	112	50	10	1,072
May	1,151	101	40	40	1,332
DRESSED WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb.) (b)					
1965-66	6,447	653	209	187	7,496
1966 - Sept. Qr.	2,072	157	37	120	2,385
Dec. Qr.	2,215	169	53	51	2,488
1967 - Mar. Qr.	2,259	132	67	46	2,504
January	784	39	14	14	851
February	616	46	24	3	689
March	859	48	29	29	964
April	690	74	34	8	806
May	886	67	27	29	1,009

(a) Excludes geese slaughtered (444 geese with live weight of 3,979 lb. and dressed weight of 2,795 lb. were slaughtered during 1965-66).

(b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets as reported by producers.

TABLE 2 - EGGS SET AND CHICKS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

Particulars	1965-66	Quarter Ended			January 1967	February 1967	March 1967	April 1967	May 1967
		Sept. 1966	Dec. 1966	Mar. 1967					
	'000								
Eggs set, including eggs which failed to hatch -									
Meat strains	5,089	1,460	1,501	1,575	484	502	589	443	658
Egg strains	4,464	2,842	671	514	161	142	210	179	483
Total eggs	9,553	4,302	2,172	2,089	645	644	799	622	1,141
Chicks hatched (a) and intended to be raised for -									
Chicken meat -									
Meat strains - unsexed	3,501	1,063	1,066	1,057	343	296	417	372	374
Egg strains(b) - crossbred and other cockerels	274	102	71	27	6	10	11	7	9
Egg production -									
Egg strains (b) - pullets	1,525	1,015	384	149	37	48	64	67	141
Breeding -									
Egg strains - pullets	70	59	9	n.a.	-	n.a.	n.a.	-	n.a.
cockerels	8	7	3	n.a.	-	-	n.a.	-	n.a.
Total chicks (c)	5,378	2,246	1,533	(d)1,233	386	(d)354	(d)492	446	(d)524

(a) Excluding chicks destroyed.

(b) Egg strain chicks sold as "unsexed" have been allocated equally between chicks for chicken meat and chicks for egg production. The number so reported was 6,900 for May 1967.

(c) Excludes meat strain chicks for breeding purposes, details of which are not available for publication.

(d) Excludes egg strain chicks for breeding purposes.

n.a. Not available for publication.

- Nil or less than half the final digit.

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